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DEDICATION

To our Board of Directors and friends who by their faithful intercession and their sacrificial gifts have promoted the advancement of this school, making it possible to proclaim the gospel to mankind at home and abroad, this book is lovingly and gratefully dedicated.

# Statement of Faith

## I

We believe the Holy Scriptures, both of the Old and the New Testament, to be verbally inspired of God, infallible and the supreme and final authority in faith and life.

## II

We believe in One God, eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## III

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and Man.

## IV

We believe that man was created in the image of God, sinned and thereby incurred, not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God; that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are in need of redemption.

## V

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice for our sins and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood.

## VI

We believe that He was bodily resurrected and ascended into heaven and at present acts for us a High Priest and Advocate.

## VII

We believe that all who in faith receive the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.

## VIII

We believe in the personal, literal return of the Lord Jesus Christ to judge the living and the dead and to reward every man according to his works.

## IX

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust.

## X

We believe in the eternal duration of the blessedness of the righteous and of the punishment of the wicked.

## XI

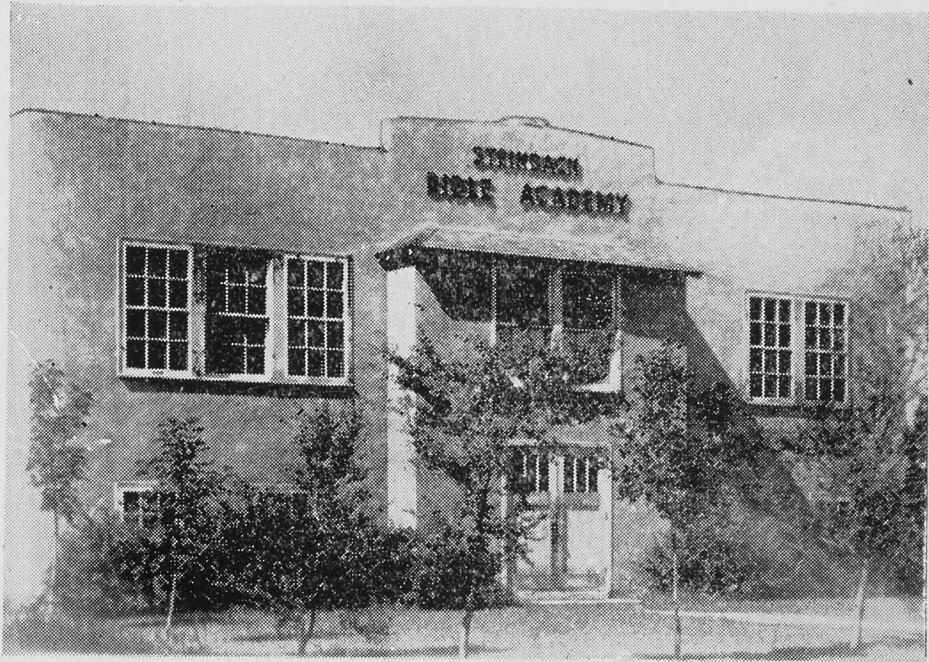
We believe that every believer belongs to the Bride or Church of Christ and has the responsibility to so live and witness that the interests of Christ shall be advanced among men.

## XII

We believe that Christians are to live a separated life; abstain from all carnal strife, worldly practice, worldly dress and worldly amusements.



# ADMINISTRATION



*Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit  
in the bond of peace. Eph. 4:3*



REV. B. D. REIMER

Missions — Church History — Theology

## *Principal's Message*

2 Timothy, 4:1-2. "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the quick (living) and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom; Preach the Word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

The apostle had come to the end of his life; he had finished his course. He was ready to be offered, the time of his departure had come. But there was still a tremendous work to be done. Men were still on their way to an eternal hell. Christians were still in need of exhortation, reproof and rebuke. The church was still in danger of being made a prey of false teachers and false doctrine.

As the apostle views this from his place of confinement after the sentence of death has been pronounced on him, the burden of human need is heavy upon him. This burden, so characteristic of the apostle Paul, forces from him this solemn charge, "... Preach the Word..."

He calls Timothy's attention to the fact that he is responsible before God,

whose herald he is; and before the Lord Jesus Christ, who had paid the tremendous redemption price, even His own blood. Who became sin for us, that we might be made His righteousness; Who tasted death for every man that they might have life; Who suffered that we might reign; from whom the face of God was turned, that it might be turned to us; Who took the power from Satan that we might realize the power of God; Who was lowered to the brink of hell that we might be exalted to heaven; Who destroyed the works of the devil that we might inherit the mansions of God in heaven.

But not only this. The responsibility becomes more real as Paul turns from the past and present to the future. Jesus Christ is coming to judge. When He will come we do not know; but that He will come we know. Then He is going to judge both the living and the dead, those alive in Christ, and also the dead out of Christ. Then each person will face the conse-

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**Mr. J. N.  
WITTENBERG**

**German**

**Bible History**

**Bible Geography**

**Mennonite History**



## Der Herr Jesus Christus Retter der Welt

Ev. Joh. 4, 4—12

„Er mußte aber durch Samaria reisen!“ Dort waren Seelen, die sollten hinzugetan werden zur frohlockenden Schar der Gläubigen.

Müde, hungrig und durstig, bestaunt sitzt ein einsamer Mann im schlichten Kleide eines jüdischen Rabbi auf dem Brunnenrande des uralten Jakobsbrunnens im Schatten mächtiger Eichen. „Ist das der Retter der Welt?“ so fragt der menschliche Sinn.

Mit langsamen Schritten, im tiefen Sande, in der brennenden Mittagshitze naht sich eine samaritanische Frau demselben Brunnen. Hoffnungslosigkeit in ihrem Blick, denn sie ist ja die Verachtete, von der besseren Gesellschaft Ausgestoßene, moralisch tief Gesunkene, deshalb kommt sie um diese Zeit zum Brunnen. Sie ist einsam, sie will auch einsam sein! „Ist solche Person noch fähig zum Glauben?“ so fragt die Menschheit.

„Hättest Du Dich nicht an mich gegangen, ich wäre Dich nicht suchen gegangen!“ so ruft ein Dichter aus. Der Herr Jesus macht den ersten Schritt. So wird es immer sein!

„Gib mir zu trinken!“

War es Verwunderung oder Hohn, als die Frau erwiderte: „Wie bittest du von mir zu trinken, so du ein Jude bist und ich ein samaritanisches Weib?“

Nun wendet sich das Blatt. „Wenn du erkennst die Gabe Gottes und wer der ist,

der mit dir spricht, so würdest du bitten und er gäbe dir lebendiges Wasser“. Fast beleidigt kommt es über die Lippen der Samariterin: „Bist du mehr als unser Vater Jakob!“ Die tief gesunkene Frau hat ein klares Wissen von der Geschichte ihres Volkes und hängt mit Ehrfurcht an der Tradition. Davon muß sie befreit werden, so gut es auch ist, daß sie es weiß. Wie fein versteht nun der Herr Jesus das Irdische mit dem Ewigen zu vergleichen und den Wert des Ewigen hervorzuheben.

Hat die Samariterin tief, tief im Herzen ein leises, unbewußtes Sehnen nach dem Ewigen, oder will sie es verdecken und ausweichen, indem sie sagt:

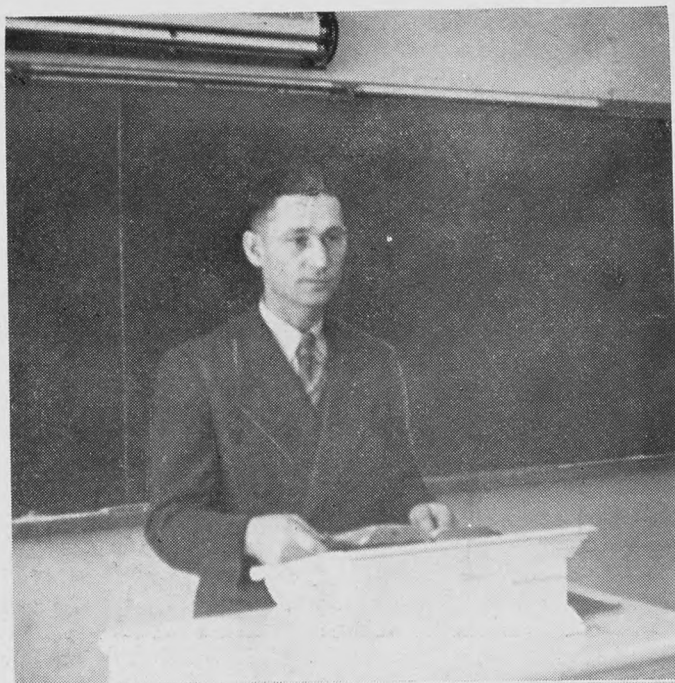
„Gib mir das Wasser, damit ich nicht herkommen müße!“

Der Herr Jesus will sie nicht entschlüpfen lassen, fest und sicher faßt er nun zu und sagt: „Rufe deinen Mann und komm her!“

Tief errötend, schuldbewußt die Augen nieder Schlagend, kommt nun ihr Sündenbekenntnis über ihre Lippen: „Ich habe keinen Mann.“ Ein Sündenbekenntnis am ehrwürdigen Brunnenrande des Jakobsbrunnens.

Der Vater im Himmel offenbart seinem geliebten Sohne die Geschichte dieses Weibes. „Du hast recht gesagt!“ bestätigt Jesus ihre Aussage. Sie fühlt die Schmach, sehnt sich nach

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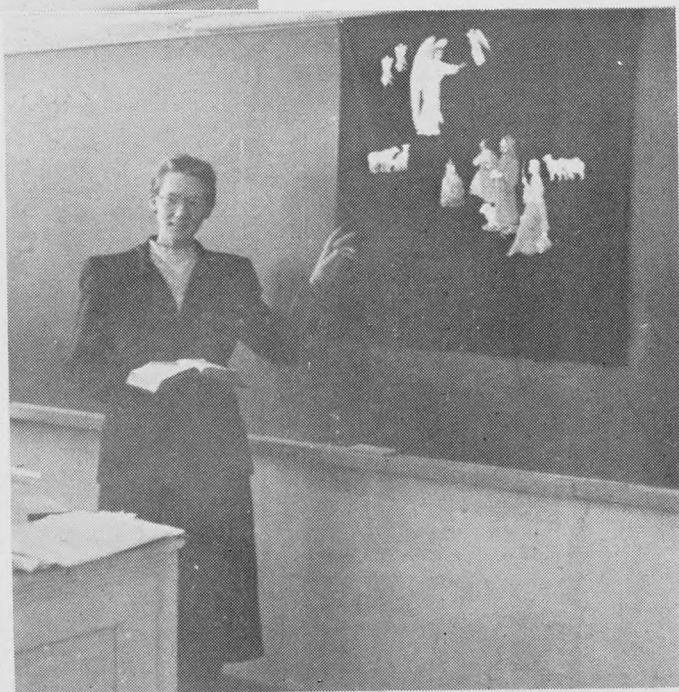
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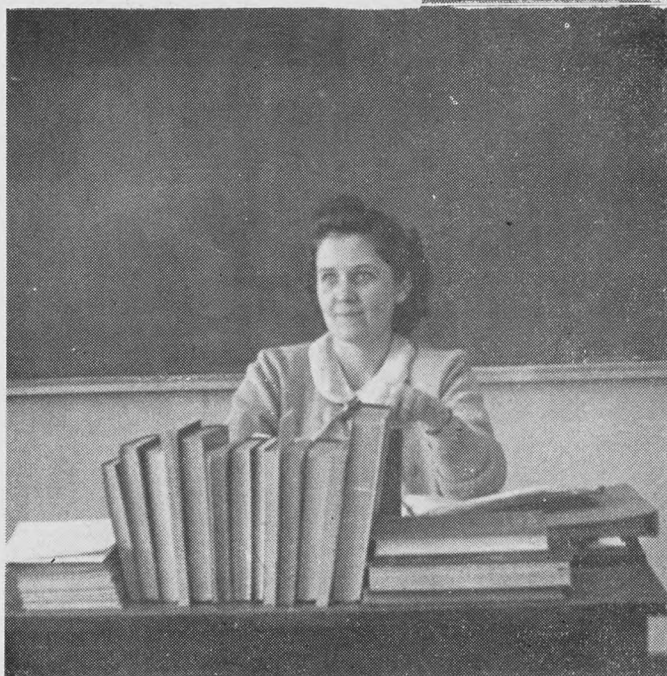
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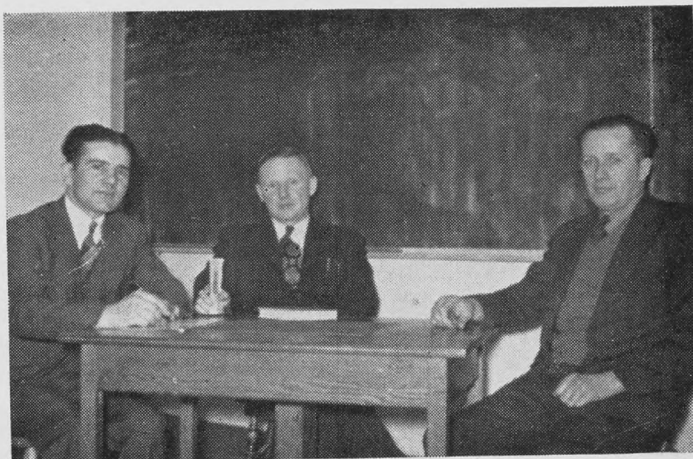


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## **PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE**

"That ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." Col. 1:9.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15.

The Board of Directors held thirteen meetings during the year to direct the business of the Academy. This business has been that regarding its financial means, the improvement of the buildings, the improving of the educational possibilities for the students, informing all Christians in the community of the Academy's needs, its work, and the work done by the students who have already gone to their field of service. They are the crown of the Academy.

We are well aware that the devil is doing his utmost to use Christians and

others to speak slanderingly about any Christian activity in order to discourage the young people from taking up the work to which the Lord has called them. Sometimes we also notice that we are not concerned to uphold our doctrinal principles. I am confident that the more you will study the part our people played in the world in the last century, the more you will appreciate these principles. For example look to the educational system of America which is the best in the world. The six main essays on pedagogy were written in 1750, by Christopher Dock, a Mennonite school teacher. (He died on his knees while praying.)

Dear people, let not what our forefathers have done fill our hearts with vain pride, but let us urge our young people to make use of the opportunities offered to prepare for the service of the Lord.

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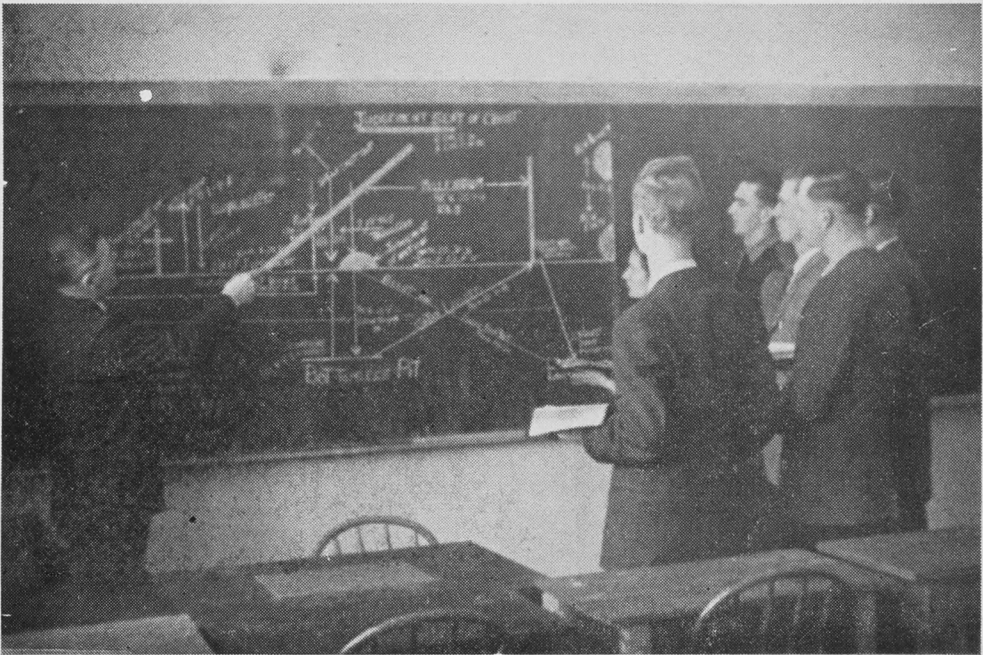
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# CLASSES



*"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth." 11 Tim. 2:15.*

# OUR GRADUATES

## Third Year Class Report

As we pause to look back over the past fleeting months of school a panorama of precious memories flash into the mind's eye. Allow us to share with you a few of the many blessings that have been ours.

Theology — a systematic study of Christian doctrine as contained in the Scriptures — has been one of our most important subjects. Numerous memorable moments have been spent in our study of Eschatology — the doctrine of last things.

God's plan for the future as revealed in His infallible Word, has more distinctly been photographed in our minds and hearts. The Second Coming of our Lord and the tremendous solemnity of the believer appearing before the Judgment Seat of Christ, (II Cor. 5:10) have gripped our hearts. Our intentions of living a deeper, purer, holier life have also been sharpened. In the light of I Cor. 11:31-32, how necessary it is to unmercifully deal with sin. Whatever we as Christians judge here in our own lives will not be judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Anything left unjudged, however, will be judged. There it will be tried by fire. (I Cor. 3:13-15.) What an awful reckoning for the careless or unconsecrated Christian that will be!

Our meditation on the Second Coming of Christ has impressed me with the sin of the Church as a whole, myself included, of not looking for His speedy return. Definitely we are exhorted to look for the Lord's coming. (Titus 2:13). If the majority of Christians were expectantly looking for their Saviour to come any day, any hour, any minute, how much more intensive would be our efforts in the salvation of Satan-blinded, Christ-rejecting, hell-bound sinners.

Another captivating subject is Missions. Studying the biographies of missionaries and certain specific fields we

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## David Dueck

Let us lay aside every weight, and sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; Heb. 12:1-2.



Benny Eidse

## Menno Kroeker

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. Rom. 10:9,11.





David Dueck

### Benny Eidse

Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 1 Cor. 13:12.



Menno Kroecker

### CLASS MOTTO

For to me to live is Christ

## Farewell Charge to the Graduates

Graduates, Co-workers in Christ:

Congratulations!

We thank God for you and your testimony.

You have reached an important milestone in your lives. You have completed one chapter of your lives and now you begin a new one. We shall not go back with you over the chapter you have written. With that chapter do what the Apostle Paul did. "...Forgetting those things which are behind..."

Two things Paul did with the completed chapter of his life. He made sure that everything that needed forgiveness in it was forgiven. He left its results and praise with God. And thus Paul made his completed chapter of life a closed chapter.

As you are now beginning a new chapter do again what Paul did. It is the most valid procedure for the child of God. "...And reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Paul began the new chapter of his life with a purpose and a pressing forward. Christ was his purpose and his very life. Christ was his goal.

Write, then, the new chapter of your lives in Christ, for Christ, about Christ. Do it clearly so that they that "run may understand." Fill it with DEEDS, but use words too. Write it in the love of Christ and with love to your fellow saints. Make it a growing, intimate experience with your Saviour. Punctuate it with numerous pointings to Christ of hell-bound sinners. Let it portray the life beautiful; lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. Write it with hate for sin and evil, but love, overwhelming love, for the sinner. Write it with rejoicing and in the light of the judgment seat of Christ; recognizing it as your last. And then when it is completed expect, by the grace of God, to hear the home call of your crucified and risen Saviour.

Yours in Christ,

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Penner.



# *First*

John Harms

Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 7:21.



Mrs. Goldie Harms

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen. Rom. 11:33,36.



Abe Wiebe

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. Ps. 18:2.



Lilly Rosche

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing. John 15:5.



# Year

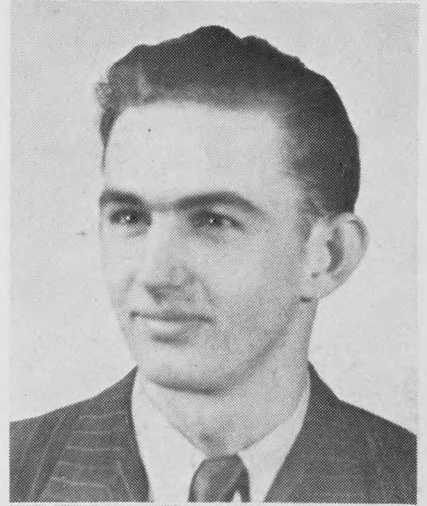
## Elizabeth Rempel

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;  
and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he  
shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6.



## Melvin Reimer

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and  
it doth not yet appear what we shall be:  
but we know that, when he shall appear, we  
shall be like him; for we shall see him as  
he is. I John 3:2.



## Tina Reimer

Be not conformed to this world: but be  
ye transformed by the renewing of your  
mind, that ye may prove what is that good,  
and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.  
Rom. 12:2.



## John Cornelson

Let this mind be in you, which was also  
in Christ Jesus. Phil. 2:5. Go ye therefore,  
and teach all nations, baptizing them in the  
name of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19.

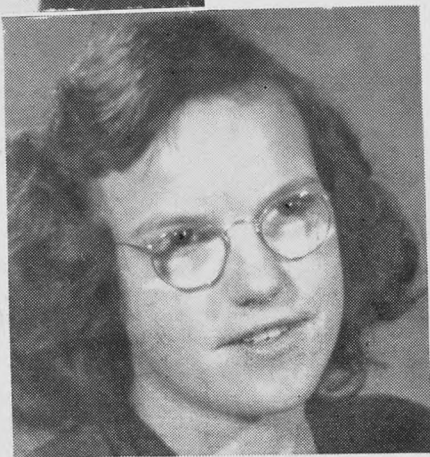




# F i r s t

## Dora Friesen

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:5-6.



## Mary Ann Nickel

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. John 15:16.

## Class Report

For most of the students in this year's class the studying of God's Word and other related subjects is not too difficult. But when it says "being filled with the fruits of righteousness" I personally feel that I have not lived up to that portion of Scripture. It requires so much faith, prayer and self-denial to confess Christ by our deeds. We appreciate and honour our teachers for the examples they are to us.

Our principal, Mr. Reimer, patiently teaches us the fundamental principles of Christian Doctrine.

On Thursday at 9:30 A.M. in our Public Speaking class we look forward with pleasure to hear the speeches of the students, but also with a faint sense of apprehension because of the criticisms that follow each speech. In Synthesis we receive a general view of certain Books of the Bible. We also study Missions. The conditions of the heathen and the divine command "Go ye" are important factors in this study. Tuesday morning after devotions, Miss Ida Twining of Winnipeg greets us all with an encouraging smile and then proceeds to instruct us in Visual Aids. This is followed by Pedagogy, which deals with the laws of teaching, and Child Evangelism. Child Evangelism is neglected in most churches and Sunday Schools but more people are gaining interest in this work.

Twice a week Rev. Schmidt teaches Exegesis. We study and discuss Genesis "the Book of Beginnings" which is enlightening and interesting. Once a week we take a hasty journey to Palestine during our Geography period with Mr. Wittenberg for our pilot. Under his supervision we also study the German language. When studying Bible History we seem to live with the Bible characters because Mr. Wittenberg has the gift of making history vivid and alive. We study Prayer with this experienced teacher also. In this study the essence of prayer, the essentials for a well-regulated prayer life, the difficulties and hindrances encountered by Christians are all dealt with. We are especially grateful to him for his kindness and patience in teaching us the German subjects that are neglected by so many. Those students who found the subjects difficult experienced rich blessings when their prayers were answered and they were able to master and overcome the hindrances and obstacles. We have all been blessed as we gained a better understanding and a growing knowledge of the living truths of the Bible. It is my hope and prayer that many more young people will come to the Steinbach Bible Academy with an earnest desire to know more of the precious Word of God.

Elizabeth Rempel.



# Y e a r

## Margaret Harms

I seek not mine own will, but the will of  
the Father which hath sent me. John 5:30.



## Mrs. Aurelia Kroeker

Then spake Jesus again unto them,  
saying, I am the light of the world;  
he that followeth me shall not walk  
in darkness, but shall have the light  
of life. John 8: 12.



## God's Plan

White snowflakes, gliding gently  
Through the nippy air;  
Cover up the river,  
And houses everywhere.

Transforming all creation  
Into a fairyland;  
Each tiny feather guided  
By God's Almighty hand.

Each snowflake was created  
By Him who is the Light.  
Who rules the world with justice  
And truth, and loving might.

He made them for a purpose.  
Each one has it's own part  
To play, in bringing gladness  
To many a weary heart.

And still a deeper purpose  
Than mortal souls can know  
I think was with His presence,  
When He created snow.

If every little snowflake  
Was made with precious care  
(And when each point was finished  
Sent floating through the air.)

To fulfill just one purpose,  
That, for which 'twas made,  
Would God make human beings  
Without a reason laid?

Oh, no! He wants us Christians  
To yield our every will,  
To trust His careful guidance  
Obedient and still.

For only thus can Jesus  
His plan for us fulfill,  
As we do follow humbly  
Over plain and hill.

Though oft' the road be weary  
And full of cruel wrong,  
His love will bear us onward,  
So wonderful and strong.

Till, when He calls us to Him,  
We know that while on earth,  
We did that which He planned for  
Our life before our birth.

Lilly Rosche.

## Second Year Testimony



**William Hanchar**

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13-14.

Only in Christ can we live out the life depicted by Paul in this verse: only through Christ we have a desire to press toward the mark. Our life in Christ is something not to be trifled with or taken for granted; it is as much a reality as the Word itself. The Holy Spirit is a faithful Guide and has led me into deeper experiences with God. I praise God that He has given me a chance to attend my second year of Bible School. My time at school holds many sacred memories, and since He has done so much for me, the least that I can do is to give my all to Him.

Wm. Hanchar.

## SPECIAL STUDENTS

### Harvey Gerbrandt

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I: send me. Isaiah 6:8.



**Mrs. A. Gaudreau**

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14.

### Wilma Loewen

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! Rom. 11:33.







## WHY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION?

In the earliest days of Protestant settlement on this continent, the schools were basically those maintained by pastors of churches in connection with their pastoral duties. A few were maintained by teachers other than pastors, especially for teaching girls. But in all these schools the hornbook primer was based on the Bible, and the main textbook was the Bible.

All of the early colleges were founded by churches for training their young men as pastors. The first nonsectarian college — now the University of Pennsylvania — was founded by Benjamin Franklin and others in 1740, over a century after the first church colleges.

But from that beginning, changes were gradually made until now the state controls the greater part of education. With state control, religion and the Bible have been eased out of the curriculum to the point of complete exclusion. Secular educators claim that religion cannot be taught successfully in public schools to Protestants, Catholics, Jews and the innumerable other religions and sects. They say that in order to avoid embarrassment of some students, the public school must maintain complete silence on controversial religious matters. Thus they exclude all Bible and religion from the curriculum.

Since nothing generates stronger emotions than religion, we may agree that the public schools, to avoid disastrous controversy, should maintain complete silence on religious matters. This they claim to do. But they have betrayed their trust! In practise they depart completely from this principle! They will not teach anything favoring religion: but they propagate antireligious propaganda!

The Christian faith is definitely theocentric, spiritual. Public education is humanistic, materialistic, evolutionary. Christianity places God first; they place man

first. The Bible makes man a fallen creature needing redemption; they make man the acme of the universe. Christianity places emphasis on the future life; they make the present life **summum bonum**. The Bible makes the universe and its creatures the work of the omnipotent God; they make the universe the product of untold eons of evolution.

Public education is not nonreligious: it is impious, antireligious! Of the ten textbooks, other than English and literature, approved in Manitoba for grades X and XI, general course, one states flatly that it is evolutionary; three are evolutionary without using the term; one is questionable; five are not evolutionary. But of the last five, four deal with subjects such that evolution could not possibly be dragged into them.

Newman Watts, English journalist, writes, "Every attack on the Christian faith made today has, as its basis, the doctrine of evolution."\*

T. H. Huxley, the peer of evolutionists, is quoted: "Evolution, if consistently accepted, makes it impossible to believe the Bible."

This is more clearly seen when one realizes that Nietzsche's philosophy is based directly on Darwin's evolutionary theory.

Yet it is this devil's brew that the public schools are feeding students under the guise of leaving religious matters strictly alone!

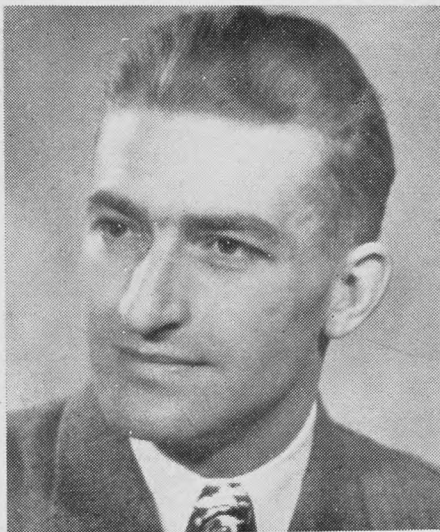
A protest against this antichristian attitude is being raised by the increasing number of evangelical Christian grammar and high schools. Not many years ago, the only Protestant group with any number of Christian schools was the Lutherans. Beside the Lutheran parochial schools, there were a handful of rather exclusive

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\*Why Be an Ape? p. 97. London: Marshall, Morgan, and Scott, n. d.

### Harvey Barkman

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death. Phil. 3:10.



### Rosaline Friesen

For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45.

## GRADE

## CLASS REPORT

To us the Steinbach Bible Academy is not just another "temple of learning", but the school the Lord has chosen for us, in which to continue our High School education in such a way as will enable us to be of greater service to Him. We feel privileged in having the opportunity of attending a school still based on the sound teachings of the Bible, as so many modern schools today are detrimental to the spiritual welfare of the young people attending them.

Our science course this year includes the interesting study of geology. We quite freely disagree with our textbooks in that they state that all geological changes of the past are due to the slow process of erosion, decay of plants and animals, and similar procedures through endless ages. One observation of scientists that makes the theories of "uniformism" improbable, is the unexplainable phenomena of the intergradation of

rock. The most probable solution that we as Christians can accept, is that some great catastrophe as the Great Flood, caused the drastic changes that occurred. Many scientists today have not only cast aside the theories of evolution, but have found true science in complete accordance with the Scriptures. Through their detailed study of the universe, they have come to realize the existence of a Great Creator — a Master Mind who originated such a marvellous plan of creation! Our hearts too are lifted up in adoration and worship as we study the various phases of God's handiwork in such subjects as chemistry, astronomy, biology and geology. We are thankful that the Academy is blessed with teachers who help us to differentiate between false and true teachings — taking their supreme authority from God's Holy Word.

In addition to our regular Grade XI

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## Launch Out!

"Launch out into the deep,  
Cast down your nets".  
These were the words of Jesus  
At Gennesaret.

"We've toiled all night", said Peter,  
"And not a fish we've caught —  
But at Thy word dear Master,  
We will again launch out."

They drew a multitude of fish,  
A draught as ne'er before.  
The Lord has blessed because in faith  
They'd ventured from the shore.

"Come follow me", said Jesus,  
"From henceforth ye shall be  
Fishers of lost and dying men,  
Who ne'er have heard of me."

"Launch out!" Today these words resound  
To challenge me and you;  
The depths are teeming with lost souls,  
And fishermen are few!

Are we afraid to leave the shore —  
Afraid of waters deep?  
Fear not, the hand that bids thee go,  
Will never fail to keep.

At Thy word Lord we will launch out,  
We'll fear not wind or wave,  
In faith we'll seek the perishing  
Bound for a Christless grave.

The shore with all its selfish joys  
May beckon us to stay —  
But we have cut the anchor,  
Christ's summons to obey.

Oh Lord, take Thou our sinful lives,  
And all that we possess!  
Tis only when we give our all,  
That Thou can'st truly bless.

Rosaline Friesen.

## ELEVEN

### Hulda Plett

We know that all things  
work together for good to  
them that love God, to  
them who are the called ac-  
cording to His purpose.  
Rom. 8:28.




**Peter Reimer**

Jesus saith unto him, I  
am the way, the truth, and  
the life: no man cometh  
unto the Father, but by  
me. John 14:6.



**Herta Schwarz**

For ye know the grace  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though He was rich,  
yet for your sakes He be-  
came poor, that ye through  
His poverty might be rich.  
II Cor. 8:9.


**Doreen Reimer**

If we confess our sins,  
He is faithful and just to  
forgive us our sins, and  
to cleanse us from all un-  
righteousness. I John 1:9.


**Edgar Penner**

Remember now thy Cre-  
ator in the days of thy  
youth, while the evil days  
come not, nor the years  
draw nigh; when thou shalt  
say, I have no pleasure in  
them. Eccl. 12:1.


**Glen Reimer**

For I know whom I have  
believed, and am persuaded  
that He is able to keep  
that which I have committ-  
ed unto Him against that  
day. II Tim. 1:12.

## GRADE X CLASS REPORT

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15.

We are not to study to show ourselves, but rather study to show ourselves approved unto God; so that we will not bring reproach to the Lord who commissioned us thus: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . ." Matthew 28:19-20.

It is our desire to be fully surrendered to God, and to go where He will lead.

"Though it be o'er the cold, dark mountain seeking His sheep,  
Or along by Siloam's fountain, helping the weak."

Once a week Miss Twining comes from Winnipeg to teach Visual Aids. It is a

study of how to present Bible stories and object lessons with the flannel graph. Miss Twining gives us many helpful suggestions for getting the gospel across to the children.

Exegesis is instructed by Mr. Schmidt. We are studying Genesis.

A few of us are taking Ukrainian, taught by Mr. Wittenberg. If, in our future life, we come in contact with Ukrainians, this will be a help to us.

Of course being high school students, our secular subjects take up the most of the time we spend in cultivating ourselves mentally; but we should not let the study of Britain's history, of the surfaces and climates of the earth, and of the other things we are to learn, crowd such an extent that we don't study the spiritual things.

Doreen Reimer.





#### EVENING CLASS

Mrs. Gladys Penner; Mrs. Carolyn Reimer; Mrs. Kate Klassen; Mrs. Catherine Reimer; Mr. John Hoepfner; Mr. Isaac W. Doerksen; Miss Ramona Loe-  
wen; Miss Henrietta Reimer; Miss Susie Peters.

## Teacher Training Classes

"Suffer little children to come unto me." "Feed my lambs." These words of our Lord Jesus Christ express His concern for the children. The fact that His blood was shed for everyone, should spur us on to win the children for Him, because more can be accomplished at this stage than when they are older. When we compare the thorough training that is needed for teachers of secular subjects whose results will usually last only a lifetime, to the usual preparation of the Sunday School teacher, whose work is done for eternity, we see that the proportion is greatly out of balance. It should show us the need of thorough preparation for our task.

We had an opportunity to get some of this preparation during this past fall and winter, when Miss Twining of the Child Evangelism Fellowship gave teacher training classes every Monday evening in the Bible Academy. Before Christmas she gave us lectures on Child Evangelism and Visual Teaching; after New Year on Child Study and Sunday School Administration.

In the Child Evangelism classes we were shown that children find Him as early as possible and their young

lives to Him for service. Appropriate Scripture verses were memorized and hindrances were pointed out. The necessity of prayer was emphasized for without it our efforts would be hopeless.

In the Visual Teaching classes, flannel-graph material and methods of using it were the main subjects. However, we were shown that it was not to be used for entertainment, but to make the Word of God clear, and to help the children memorize it, and to remember its lessons. The Bible is first and foremost, and the visual aids only a means to an end. Demonstrative lessons were given and preparation of lessons and material was discussed.

To lead a child to Christ we must know both Christ, and the child. The Child Study lessons led us into an examination of the laws governing the nature and the growth of a personality. We were given an insight of the child's characteristics at different stages of development and shown how his personality might be influenced to develop a strong Christian character.

The study of Sunday School Administration showed us how to make our Sunday School more efficient. Just as a business man wants efficiency in his business to get the most out of his investments, so a Sunday School can be operated

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## STUDENT COUNCIL

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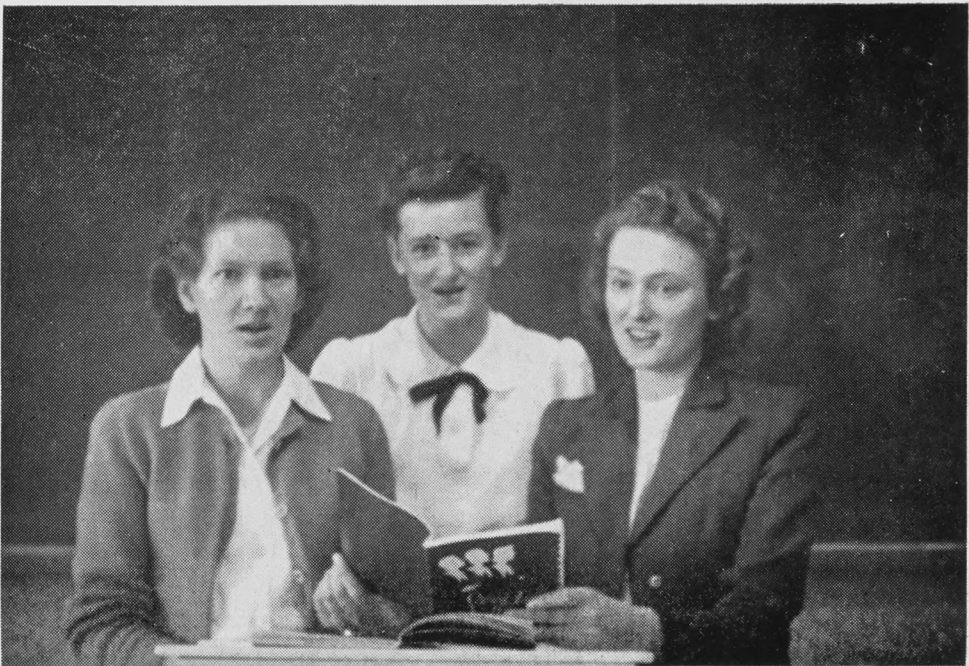
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# ACTIVITIES



*O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing  
unto the Lord, all the earth. Psalm 96:1*



## Life at the Boys' Dormitory

Although it has been very cold this winter, there has always been lots of activity in the dorm. We thank our Heavenly Father for supplying our physical needs by giving us the dormitory.

As most boys do, we think that eating is a very important part of the daily routine, so when meal time comes around we take advantage of it — three times a day. Another important thing is sleep, which we get from 10:30 P.M. to 6:30 A.M.

In spare moments one of the boys might get out his guitar, another his violin and still others their harmonicas, and play some well-known Christian

songs. After study hours, which range from 7:30 to 9:30 we often gather to play quiet games, sing songs, or sometimes just for a talk.

Wednesday mornings are very important to us all. That is when we have our weekly prayer meeting, from which we derive many blessings. After the day is over, we quiet down to have our daily meditation on the Word of God and prayer, each student in his own room.

Thus have the pleasant days of the 49-50 school year passed. Its memories will however, linger on in years to come.  
Glen Reimer.

## PRACTICAL HOUR

"Practice, or experience, is the best teacher." Therefore we as student body and faculty gather for a brief period of practice in public performance every Wednesday noon hour — that is after we've enjoyed our lunch together as a family.

Various groups take turns in putting up the programs.

The poster on the bulletin board gives necessary information as to the nature of the meeting, including the names of main speakers, and also the time and place of the meeting to be rendered.

Standing up before a critical audience, robs those not accustomed to public speaking of their self-confidence and composure. Unless you can rattle off your speech like the multiplication table, you are liable to get bungled up with your thoughts as well as your grammar. Our English teacher terms it, "thinking under pressure." Some people seem to be born with the art of public speaking, and are in their element when it comes to addressing an audience. Others again can acquire it only through continual practice and perseverance.

After the meeting, the teachers and students offer constructive criticisms and commendations which help us to learn by our mistakes.

Not only do we appreciate this "Practical Hour" because of its educational values, but because of the many spiritual blessings received through the Gospel messages, speeches, debates, songs, poems and testimonies rendered.

We trust that these meetings will help us to be better witnesses for Christ.  
— A Student.



Librarians at Work

## Why I came to Bible School

Psalms 73:24

"Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory".

As a school girl of ten or eleven years old it became my ambition to be a Christian school teacher. In various ways God has guided me, and it was my privilege to teach school for five weeks as a substitute teacher.

When I taught Bible History and other related subjects, I realized that my knowledge of the Bible was inadequate. I had a desire to attend a Bible School several years ago, but now I was positive that I would never be a successful Christian teacher unless I acquired a better understanding of the teachings of God's Word. I prayed to my Lord for guidance, and the way was opened for me to attend the Steinbach Bible Academy.

Elizabeth Rempel.



1. Those Dishes    2. Accuracy counts    3. Fixing the Pump    4. Outdoor exercise.    5. Teamwork    6. Homework    7. Supper with the family    8. Our Cook    9. "I'll make the grade"

## SPECIAL CHAPEL SPEAKERS

**Rev. C. B. Dirks**  
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Pres. of the M. C. I. Berghthaler Church  
**Susanne Plett** Bolivia, South America. New Tribes Mission  
**Rev. William Buhr** Altona, Man. British and Foreign Bible Society.

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

People are beginning to realize that the way to stop juvenile delinquency, is to start instructing small children, the future generation. Unfortunately, however, most of them do not realize that their one and only hope is the blessed gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Steinbach, we are very fortunate in having a number of people who are vitally interested in Children's Classes. We rest assured that even though immediate results may not be forthcoming, the seeds, which we sow in humbleness and subjection to God, will eventually blossom and bear fruit.

With the exception of the one in the Emmanuel Mission church, the classes are held in different homes offered for this work. The attendance has usually been quite fair; some enthusiastic young-

sters attend first one class at one place, and then another in a different home.

Since the main objective in these classes is to make clear the need for personal salvation, and how this need may be filled by the acceptance of the Lord Jesus, the lesson is taught with this in mind.

Though the teaching method may vary with the different teachers, all use flannel graph pictures to illustrate the lesson. A child will remember more of what it sees than of what it hears. Therefore this method is very satisfactory, besides being a novelty for most of the children.

Teaching a class of little children is more important than some people think. Somehow standing before a group of eager, expectant faces, you tremble lest what

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## Men's Prayer Meeting

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Phil. 4:6.

On Fridays, after 4 o'clock the men gather for their weekly prayer meeting. Here one of the students reads a portion of Scripture, comments on it, and then asks for prayer requests. It is our aim in these meetings to pray for missionaries and other Christian workers who are active in the Lord's work and would like us to pray for them and their needs. The Devil is busy ushering men and women into an eternal Hell; how much more should we who have the precious Gospel pray for those who are labouring in Satan's domain and seeking to bring the gospel of salvation to lost souls! "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." John 14:14; Christian, do you believe this? Harvey Barkman.

## The Power Line to Heaven

The greatest powerline I know  
Is one that never fails,  
E'en though the very fiercest storm  
Against the line prevails.

Though Satan tries his very best  
To get the wires down,  
God's righteousness still calmly meets  
The Devil's baffled frown.

The only thing that we must do  
To keep connections good  
Is praying often to the Lord,  
And living as we should.

Then can we rest with peaceful mind  
Without a doubt or fear,  
That God's own powerline to us  
Will ever fail us here.

Lilly Rosche.





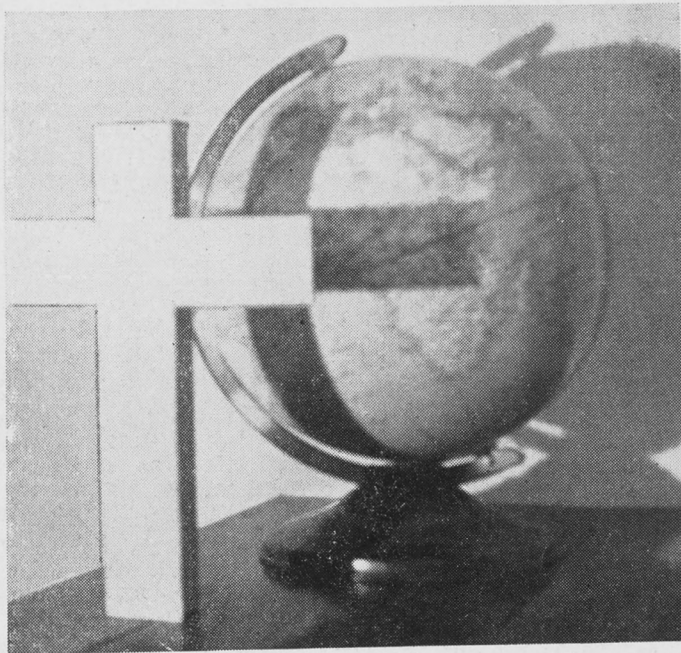
1. Recreation 2. "Do you get it?" 3. "Familienabend" 4. Assimilating 5. Behind the scenes 6. Expounding Philipians - Rev. Don P. Schidler 7. Marks!?? 8. What's my next move? 9. The president preaches 10. Charts! 11. Exams ahead! 12. Musician in the making 13. Going forth 14. What does the future hold? 15. "Christ's for service".



1. Diligence    2. Singing His praises    3. A restful change    4. Is that all, Mom?    5. "Food for the Body"    6. "Food for the soul"    7. Dining together    8. "When the Roll is Called up Yonder"    9. Spreading the Gospel    10. Rosewood Christmas program    11. A question under discussion    12. Child Evangelism    13. Essays and Essays!    14. Instruction in Visual Aids    15. What's next?



# MISSIONS



*Go ye into all the world, and  
preach the gospel to every creature.*

*Mark 16:15.*



## Western Gospel Mission Reports



### CANORA, SASK.

#### Peter Martens and Family

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life, was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:15.

For a number of years after becoming a Christian, this verse contained no special reality for me, although I did believe it in a general way. Then about two years ago it became to me a mountain of stark reality. Namely, that "who-soever" includes everyone, civilized or heathen. "Not found written in the book of life," means without spiritual life; and "was cast into the lake of fire," means everlasting pain and torment, regardless of popular opinion or conjecture. With this in mind, together with the constraining love of Christ, we continue in our labour for Him, counting it all joy.

We are now stationed at Canora, Sask., where we carry on Sunday School work and personal work. We also conduct an occasional cottage meeting. We trust that it will be possible to render Gospel services at different points in spring and summer.

Our special concern is to see the salvation of souls in this community. Dear Christian friend, will you unite with us in believing prayer? Pray that God may be able to use us and that He may grant a great Spirit-manifested revival in this God-forsaking generation. God's Word is plain. James 4:2 says, "ye have not because ye ask not." Therefore as children of our heavenly Father, let us ask according to his will and we shall have.

Yours in His service,

Peter Martens and family.

Before the heart of the heathen will bow at the foot of the cross, the knees of Christians must bend before the Throne in prevailing, trusting prayer. —Selected.



### KAMSACK, SASK.

#### D. Schellenberg and Family

We are thankful to God for calling us into His service. He led us step by step and then by His Holy Spirit gave us a knowledge of His will.

Here is a résumé of the work we are doing.

We have the privilege of going into the schools and teaching God's Word to the children. The co-operation of the teachers and pupils is in most cases very gratifying. We rejoice to think of them as a group of men and women who will be followers of Christ in the coming generation. Will you pray with us that the Lord would give us wisdom and knowledge in dealing with children?

On Sundays we have two services; one about six miles north of Kamsack, on the Cote Indian Reserve. Here we minister to the spiritual needs of the Indians. In doing this we find that many are under the power of the adversary. Some are turning to Christ; others are indifferent.

The other place of service is Verigin. The inhabitants of this district are mainly Doukabors. A Russian speaking young man, who is a Christian, helps along here and preaches in Russian.

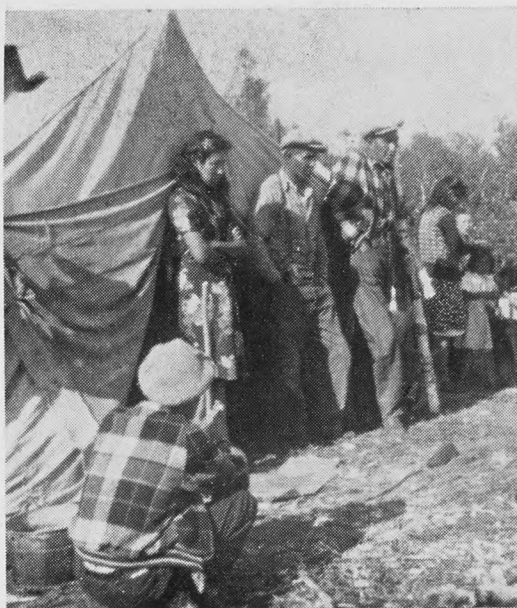
We also rejoice to find earnest Christians here in Kamsack with whom we have fellowship. We have a prayer meeting every Wednesday night in our home. As this is not a very convenient place for public gatherings, we are praying for a larger place or hall to assemble in. Will you join with us in this project? We believe the Lord will answer our prayer.

There are also countless opportunities of witnessing for Christ in different manners wherever we go.

Dave Schellenberg and family.

Don't pray for tasks suited to your capacity. Pray for a capacity suited to your task. — Dr. Max Reich.

## With the Indians



Since landing here we have been quite busy at learning the language of the Cree Indians. Our work here consists of making home visitations, teaching Sunday School and conducting services. We also help the neighbors in doing such work as: fishing, sawing wood etc. No charge is made for these services. The learning of the language is difficult, but by God's grace we will be victorious. Studying the Cree language is very interesting. It differs a great deal from the English, German or Ukrainian. Knowledge of German is, however, of great value.

The natives here know a fair amount of English and also some French. There are quite a number of languages being used, but the main languages spoken are Cree and Chippewyn: the latter being farther north.

These people are steeped in sin and shame. They are sick in body and soul with no peace or joy in heart or mind. The only hope for them is **Jesus Christ!** We tell them that it is not Protestantism nor Romanism that will cure them, but Christ! Oh that you could see the need! You would not just sit and enjoy yourself; not just sing, "**Rescue the Perishing,**" but do something about it! Please pray for our workers who are working in the different parts of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and the Northwest Territories. Pray for us that God will show to us the field of His choosing.

Yours in His Service,

John Giesbrecht and family,  
Buffalo Narrows, Sask.

## Report from B. C.

I was in mission work in Sask. part of the summer of 1949, when my faith in God was tried by Satan and I had to pray much. Sometimes I prayed far into the night until I was willing to go where the Lord wanted me, I had an offer to go to B. C. but did not see my way through. When I came to Steinbach the door opened. A dear brother prayed with me for a car. Inside of one month I was off, trusting the Lord only.

The work out here is progressing very slowly; sometimes not at all. But we praise God for the open doors we have out here! Oh that we would not miss telling anyone about Jesus, for how dreadful to hear the Lord say we were unfaithful!

Albert Toews.

## Paraguay

The M.C.C. work in Paraguay is also one branch of Christian work which we, as His children, are trying to perform. We have come here to serve our Mennonite refugees who have left a land of tribulation and sorrow (Russia) to start out anew — to establish a home for themselves and for their families.

It is our greatest desire that we may serve in such a way that the people here should receive a spiritual as well as a material uplift. The need is great for both, and we solicit your prayers on our behalf and also on behalf of the colonists.

Mary Friesen.

## An Air View of the Unevangelized

Overlooking a vast territory of dense jungles broken quite frequently by streams and rivers with its thousands of huts where dwell a people of fear, my heart burned within me as I thought of Jesus who loved them and had died for these people. It would take me a long time to reach just the ones I saw in one minute, and the plane kept on going at a rate of 120 miles per hour for four hours — who will reach all of these?

In His boundless Love,

William Neufeld.  
Field Address:  
Caixa Postal 882  
Belem, Para, Brazil.

But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. 1 Thess. 2:4.

## Work in the Ozarks

Greetings in the name of "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us." How good it is to serve a Master, who died for our sins and who is with us always, "even unto the end of the world!" I praise the Lord for giving me the privilege of serving Him here in the Ozarks.

My co-worker, Grace Taylor, and I are in charge of the schools in a county where the mission has never worked before. Thirty-five schools have been opened to us, and we go in once a month to give a half-hour programme. We present our Bible memory work in which the pupils can learn 300 verses for Bible camp, or fewer verses for different awards. We teach them a chorus, a Bible verse and a Bible story, both the latter with the flannelgraph. We are not allowed to make comments on the Bible, according to the law; so we just tell the story simply, and pray that the Holy Spirit will convict hearts and lives. God has promised to honour His Word. Most of the teachers are quite receptive to the work, but a few are indifferent. In one school the teacher timed us very strictly, and reminded us not to comment on the Bible. We had to watch ourselves very carefully, but we definitely felt God's presence. It has been a joy to hear boys and girls repeating verses to us, when we returned to the schools the second time.

Besides the school work, Grace and I have taken over the Sunday School work in Briartown. We have four classes with average attendance of thirty-five. I have the young people's and adult class, and I covet your prayers, for this is a great responsibility. Five of these young people are saved, and the non-Christians come quite irregularly.

Another ministry in Briartown is to make house visitations. Once we visited an old Indian who was very sick. We sang, prayed, and read the Bible to him. After we had been there the second time, relatives told us that he had prayed for a whole hour after we left, and that he had been saved. We do not know whether that was a result of our visit, but we praise the Lord for that report.

Please pray that the Lord will give the pupils a willingness and joy to memorize verses, and that many will be saved through them. Pray also for the child evangelism class that we have in Porum every Wednesday, that the children will accept Christ through these lessons.

Mary Loewen.  
Briartown, Okla.



## Menisino, Man.

Dear Christian Friends:

Greetings with Luke 2:30-32, "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel." We realize it is for all people that the Lord has come, and we are responsible to tell it to all people. "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Only through the Lord Jesus Christ can we be saved. There are in this district people of various denominations: Lutherans, Catholics and many others. Even though some are indifferent, others are interested, and some have really changed and are followers of the Lord, for which we are very thankful.

We have two meeting places in winter; the local log church and a cottage at Woodridge, (the home of an English family).

We also have been able to go into four schools. The roads are closed to car travel now, but we can reach 3 schools by sleigh. It is a joy to tell the children the way of salvation and stories of the Bible, which never grow old.

There is also an unlimited opportunity to witness for the Lord as we meet people, and as we visit them in their homes. We praise the Lord for the many blessings he has given to us! It truly pays to be happy in Jesus."

Olga and Jake Giesbrecht.

I have but one candle of life to burn, and would rather burn it out where people are dying in darkness than in a land which is flooded with light. —Selected.

Those who would ascend the heights and carry their people with them must go with Christ after the lost. —Dr. J. F. Love.





1. Heavenly "Shunshine"    2. Making friends    3. Singsong    4. A French Sunday School class    5. D.V.B.S. in Verigin, Sask.    6. After a day's work    7. Good old Pontiac.

## PREPARATORY TRAINING



"Here am I; send me."

Little did I realize what that could mean in my life when I first dedicated it to the Lord. Nor do I fully realize it yet. One thing I do know, however, and that is, that if we draw nigh to the Lord He will draw nigh to us. He has been very precious to me since I came to Kansas City.

There are twenty-two candidates at the headquarters of Gospel Missionary Union now. We all help to keep the house running smoothly. Even missionaries wash the dishes, sweep the floors, and do the laundry. There is a print shop downstairs and some will help to put out the monthly prayer letter, the **Gospel Message**, and any other printing that is being done.

The people that are going to South America have an hour class every day Monday through Friday. Our teacher is Mrs. Olson, a retired missionary from Ecuador. She not only teaches us the grammar but also to read the New Testament in Spanish. Sometimes she will instruct us in the ways and customs of the people to whom we are going.

My first spiritual assignment was a Sunday School class at the City Union Mission. Being new in the city, I was appalled by the slums that my pupils came from. I was put in charge of the nursery department which had two classes last fall but has increased to four now. I love those dirty little ragamuffins and it almost breaks my heart to see the homes they grow up in and the training they get. Yet the Lord can draw even these to Himself and it gladdens us to hear them say, "Teacher, I love Jesus, too; don't you?"

Another phase of work here is among the colored folks. Only two blocks from here marks the beginning of the district where thousands of them live. There are a number of Child Evangelism classes being conducted and I certainly enjoy mine. They are a class of intermediate girls and they will ask questions. I was telling them one day about their names being written in the Lamb's Book of

Life and one of the girls asked if one's name were taken out if one were to hide unconfessed sin.

Then I was told about a sick woman in the neighborhood who would like someone to read and pray with her. I have been to see her almost every week since. She seems to have a greater desire for companionship than for spiritual things, but she loves to have people pray. It is very difficult, however, to tell such people that they are lost and need a Saviour. She certainly needs our prayers.

I have also had several opportunities to go out in a group for services in different churches in and around Kansas City. The most interesting trip that we as a trio made was with Mr. and Mrs. Shidler to Whitewater, Kansas, for a week-end.

We have had several conferences here at the Gospel Missionary Union on the deeper Christian Life. These have brought me to the realization of what a Christian's life can and should be. I have indeed been richly blessed and my prayer is found in Psalm 27:4: "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple."

Marian Loewen.  
Kansas City, Missouri.

## Permit Teaching

Since I came out here to teach I have been more thankful than ever that I am a Christian. I have learned to be more dependent on God. Being far away from home, among strangers, God's nearness became very precious to me.

The children in my school have had the privilege of attending Daily Vacation Bible School. They are familiar with some Bible Stories, verses; and can sing several choruses and hymns. But with no encouragement, and in some cases discouragement from home, they show little interest in salvation.

My prayer is that I might teach them something besides secular subjects, that they might come to see that salvation through Christ is the most important thing in life.

Martha Loewen.  
Moosehorn, Man.

Conscience warns us as a friend before it punishes us as a judge

Stanislaus

The man that is too busy to take time to pray is like the steamship that is too busy to stop and load up with coal.

Selected

## A Teacher's Thoughts

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:6.

This verse has become increasingly precious to me while teaching. So often when looking back over a day filled with problems, questions and difficult situations, intermingled with its joys and humorous incidents, I see God's directing and guiding of which I had been scarcely conscious at the time.

Teaching certainly is a great opportunity. The youngsters seem to take whatever is offered to them. May we offer them only that which draws them to Christ, the Saviour and Friend of all.

Mary Wiebe.  
Pine Creek, Man.



## Reminiscences

"It is a pleasure to write a few words to a school that I love, and to look back about five or six years and ponder over the time I spent in Bible School. I shall never forget those hours of fellowship we enjoyed. They have done much to make up that spiritual foundation which is so essential that it be firm, also in training as a nurse."

Olga Friesen.  
Vancouver, B. C.



## A Nurse's Testimony

Service for the Lord, when done to His honour and glory, by His powerful Spirit is precious anywhere, in spite of geographical position. It has been my privilege during my first year in Grace Hospital to find much opportunity for service for the Lord.

During my first few weeks on wards I had a patient under my care who was not expected to live. What could I do for this man? Was he a Christian? Would he die in the Lord or must he go to hell? As my heart cried out in prayer to God I remembered my Ukrainian New Testament on my book-shelf. This I brought to his bedside. What a joy came to me as I passed that bedside to see his relatives read the Word to him in their own language. And how thankful I was for the Ukrainian Mr. Wittenberg taught me and the Testament my parents had bought for me.

Since entering training the hope of everlasting life has become especially precious to me. After doctors have done everything in their power and apparently there is no hope for the patient, there

is still Christ's loving invitation, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." What a horrible thing it would be to let a person die and know that his suffering will have no end; but what a glorious privilege it is to point him to our Lord and Saviour who has prepared a place of everlasting joy without suffering and sorrow.

Have you knelt by the sick and the dying,  
The message of mercy to tell?  
Have you stood by the trembling captive,  
Alone in his dark prison cell?  
Have you pointed the lost to Jesus,  
And urged them on Him to believe?  
Have you told of the life everlasting,  
That all, if they will, may receive?

Helen Reimer  
Grace Hospital, Winnipeg.



# Echoes of the Fall Bible Conference

October 19-23, 1949

We had the privilege of having a well known preacher and teacher, C. F. Ders-tine, Bishop of the Mennonite Church, Kitchener, Ontario, at our annual Bible Conference. His dynamic unique and in-spiring sermons proved a rich blessing. He spoke on the timely topics:

"The Secret of Spiritual Success".

"To this End Was I Born . . .!"

"Divinely Directed Days."

"Faithful Spiritual Stewardship."

"Life's Most Dangerous Period."

"Life's Seven Gates."

"Lest I Be Shelved."

"Calvary A Thousand Years Ahead."

"The Silver Trumpet."

"Rear Window View of God's Grace." ----

"As the Days of Noah Were. So . . .!"

"King's Counsel to Youth and Age."

"Crux of the World Situation."

"Christianity. Or, Else ? ? ?"



## Principal's Message

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quences of his decisions made while here on the earth. What will be the degree of reward, or of punishment? Will it be eternal glory? or eternal damnation? These decisions depend on the hearing of the Word, and the understanding of it, Mt. 13:19-23. Will they bear much fruit? Or be fruitless to be cut off and burned? Will they enter heaven, or sink into hell? Timothy, it depends on you!! God depends on you to "preach the Word"; sinners depend on you to hear the Word; saints depend on you to be fed by the Word! So Timothy, "Preach the Word: be instant in season, out of season;" "Be urgent whether the times be prosperous or adverse, whenever there is an opportunity; and when there is none, strive to make one. The Judge is at the door, and to every man eternity is at hand! Wherever thou meetest a sinner, speak to him the Word of reconciliation. Do not be contented with stated times and accustomed places merely; all time and place belong to God, and are proper for His work. Wherever it can be done, there it should be done. Satan will omit neither time or place where he can destroy. Omit thou none where thou mayest be the instrument of salvation to any." (Clarke).

Moreover, it is the Word that convicts of sin, that arrests the sinner who is in

the clutches of Satan; the means by which he is freed, transformed and transferred from the power of Satan into the kingdom of His Son. The Word is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. It is the Word that makes sinners into saints, that creates anew in Christ Jesus. It is the Word that cleanses the sinner and the saint alike. It is the Word that strengthens the inner man, builds him up in the faith and enables for service; that snatches from hell and exalts into heaven. So Timothy, "Preach the Word".

Today this responsibility rests on us. On you and on me. Listen to Paul's word to you now, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom; Preach the Word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

## Der Herr Jesus Christus der Retter der Welt

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Befreiung, ahnt auch den Weg, davon loszu-  
kommen und fragt nun, wo sie anbeten soll,  
sie ist gebunden an einen Ort.

Jesus macht sie frei. Nicht Zeit und Ort,  
sondern Geist und Wahrheit, und das ist jetzt

schon möglich. In dem Gedächtnis der Samariterin schlummert das Bewußtsein von einem Messias. Dasselbe erwacht und mit Sicherheit sagt sie: „Ich weiß, der Messias wird kommen, der Christus heißt, der wird es uns alles verkündigen.“ Sehnüchsig schaut sie wohl in die Ferne mit dem Verlangen, wäre er doch schon da!

Da kommt es über die Lippen des einsamen, schlichten Rabbinen, den sie wohl für einen Propheten hält, das mächtige Wort: „Ich bin es, der Messias, der mit dir redet.“

Glaubensvoll nimmt sie den Messias auf in ihr Herz, trinkt von dem Quell des ewigen Lebens, vergißt ihren Krug mit dem irdischen Wasser.

Eilenden Fußes kommt sie in die Stadt. Wo ist ihre Zurückgezogenheit, ihre Scheu geblieben? Freimütig ruft sie den Leuten zu: „Kommt und seht, der Messias, der Christus ist da!“

Wunderbar, wer kann es fassen! Die Leute horchten und glaubten der Frau; sie, die Verurufene, wird ihnen die Führerin zum Messias. Die erste Evangelistin unter den Samaritanern.

Die Leute von Sichar kamen, hörten, glaubten und sprachen: „Wir haben selber gehört und erkannt, daß dieser ist wahrlich der Herr Jesus Christus, der Retter der Welt!“ ....

Lieber Leser, hast du ihn auch schon erkannt als deinen persönlichen Retter?

Ich kam zum Heiland blind und bloß,  
Mein Sündeneiend war so groß!  
Ich bat: „Herr, mende doch mein Loß!  
O, Herr, ich komm zu Dir;  
Er nahm die Schuld mir ab!  
Du Gotteslamm, dein teures Blut  
Nimm alle Schuld mir ab!

J. N. Wittenberg.

## Grade XI Class Report

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course, we receive instruction in three Bible subjects. One that is of special interest to us as Sunday School teachers and partakers of other children's work is "Visual Aids", taught by Miss Twining. According to statistics children remember about 10% of what they hear, 50% of what they hear and see, and 80% of what they do and practice. Since children's work is so extremely important, we should use the most effective methods in planting the Gospel into their young and receptive hearts.

We have also received spiritual blessings in the studies of "Christian Doctrine" and "Exegesis", taught by our Principal. During these classes we forget our other books for a season, and concentrate our hearts and minds on the Book of all books, the Bible. Not only do we desire to grow in knowledge, but that

the wonderful truths may take root in our hearts and be converted into active service for our dear Lord and Master.

Auch in der Unterrichtung der deutschen Sprache sind wir gesegnet mit einem geduldigen, tüchtigen Lehrer. Lehrer Wittenberg würde wohl sagen, wir hätten noch viel zu lernen ehe wir die deutsche Sprache beherrschen.

School would be too nearly perfect if it were not for those unfortunate inventions called "exams". Generally we find the preliminary fears worse than the actual procedures. We hope this will also be true of the Finals that are looming up ahead of us like the Rocky Mountains. May they be ant hills by the time we reach them.

No doubt, we will be glad to put away our books in June, but reluctantly will we bid "adieu" to the blessed hours of Christian fellowship we enjoyed through the year. May we leave the school as more efficient labourers in His vineyard.

Rosaline Friesen.

## Why Christian Education

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Christian boarding schools and academies. But now, everywhere Christian day schools, as well as boarding schools, are springing up. Denominational groups back them. Interdenominational organizations sponsor them. And still the movement grows!

These schools place the Bible in the center of the curriculum, rather than exclude it. Everything they teach is in accord with the teachings of the Bible, rather than in disagreement at every other point. Students are taught to honor God and to serve Christ, rather than to shrug off man's duty to his Creator. The example of godly parents is reinforced, rather than derided.

These are the reasons for Christian education!

David F. Siemens jr.

## Teachers' Training Class

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ed to get maximum results. A standard which every Sunday School should reach was given. The importance of reaching every child in the community, of training teachers, of providing a graded Bible curriculum, of requiring accomplishments of pupils, and of winning every scholar for Christ was emphasized. Ways and means of accomplishing these aims were suggested.

We are thankful for this opportunity we have had to prepare to meet our responsibilities. May God bless us as we apply what we have learned, and help us to depend on Him in doing this.

John Hoepfner.

## Third Year Class Report

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have more vividly seen the dire need of bringing the Gospel to those who know not the Lord Jesus. We have come to understand more clearly what the Saviour meant when He said: "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields: for they are white already unto harvest;" and again, "the harvest truly is great but the labourers are few." Seeing this woeful need we have said in our hearts; "If you want me to go, Lord, here am I; send me."

Our study of Child Evangelism has impressed us with the marvellous opportunity, yet tremendous responsibility of winning children to Christ before they drift into the world. It is so much easier to win them now. Besides the definite statements in the Bible, the permanent results of this phase of evangelism also indicates that it must be Scriptural. According to statistics a smaller percentage of child converts fall away than of grown-ups, and a larger percentage go to fill the gaps in unevangelized fields.

Exegesis, a thorough study of certain selected books of the Bible, has aided to personally discover, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, more of the inexhaustable truths of God's Word.

Another subject of interest and importance has been Mennonite History. It has given us a more comprehensive view of the trials, temptations, discouragements and victories experienced by our forefathers.

Church History is another invaluable study. Seeing how the church developed and how heresies crept in, we have again been impressed with the imperative of going to the Bible alone as our final court of appeal; not to man's opinions.

Of great benefit has been the study of the reasons why Christianity spread so rapidly at the beginning. Some of these reasons were: they expected the speedy return of the Lord; they were convinced that all those without Christ are lost; they lived pure consecrated lives; and last but not least, God was with them. These dynamic qualities are lacking to a large extent in present day Christianity. That is why the major part of the Church is lukewarm and practically dead today.

Not to be left unmentioned are the weekly prayer meetings. Blessed minutes have been spent before the throne of grace. Together we expressed our hearts desires to Him, whose ears are ever open to the cry of the soul, trusting in His faithfulness and hungering for His righteousness.

Truly we have been feasting on the Word of God. A greater responsibility now rests upon us. Will we be faithful with our trust? Lord, by Thy grace we will.

Benny Eidse

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

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you are about to say, may be something not quite reaching the standard of honouring the Living God. You feel as though you have no strength whatsoever, and involuntarily your heart cries out, "Lord, teach me what to say". Each child has a soul; if you fail to proclaim to it the gospel of redemption it may go out into the world, unwarned of the many snares and pitfalls so carefully laid for its destruction.

Oh, that the Lord might open our eyes, that we might see the great need there is to get the little children to follow the Master who guides safely and true.

— A Student.

## What Will Your Harvest Be ?

Sowing the seed by the wayside high,  
Sowing the seed on the rocks to die,  
Sowing the seed where the thorns will spoil  
Sowing the seed in the fertile soil,  
O' what shall the harvest be?  
Sowing the seed with an aching heart,  
Sowing the seed while the teardrops start,  
Sowing in hope till the reapers come,  
Gladly together the harvest home;  
O' what shall the harvest be?  
Sown in darkness or sown in light,  
Sown in our weakness or sown in our might,  
Gathered in time or eternity,  
Sure, yes, sure will the harvest be.

— Christian Laymen's Tract League.



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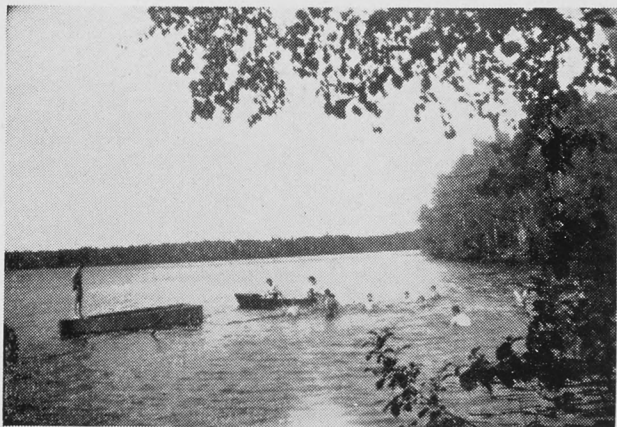
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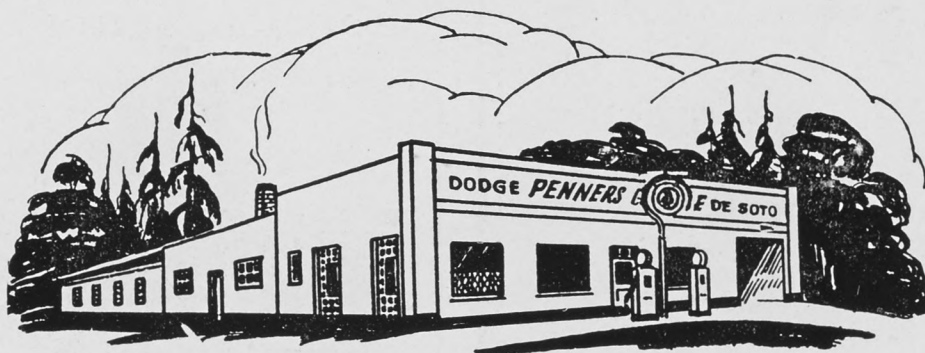
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"The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich." Proverbs 10:22. In reflection of the blessing of the Lord which has come to us at Red Rock Lake Bible Camp in 1949 our hearts are raised in gratitude to our Heavenly Father for He is the giver of all gifts.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." Proverbs 9:10.

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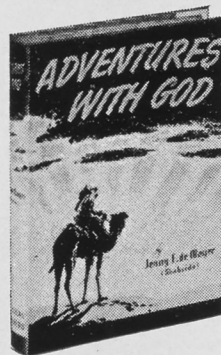
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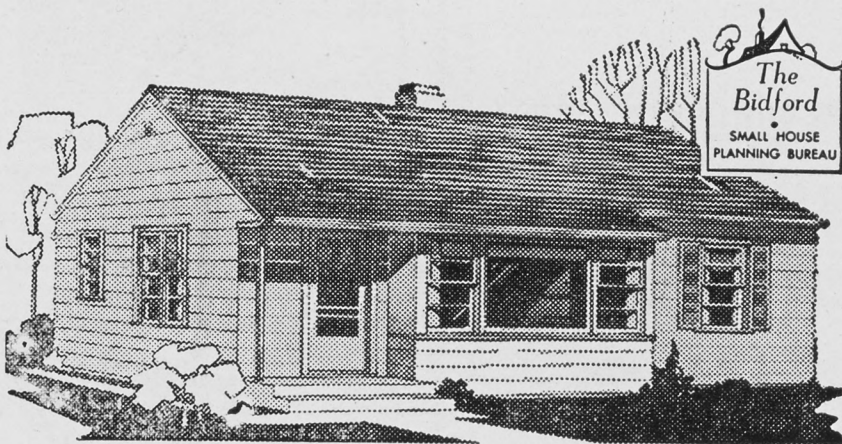
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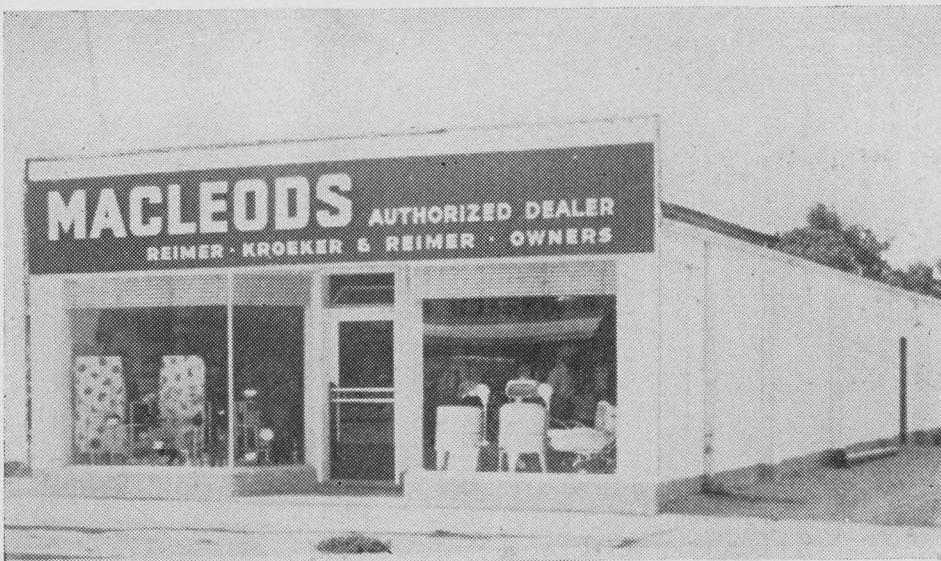
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